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Stick Staff Elects Officers

CORMIER'S STORY PUBLISHED

A writer of promise has been discovered in the ranks of the Freshman class and it is none other than the class President, Robert Cormier. Recently Bob was awarded the neat sum of seventy-five dollars for a short story, "The Little Things That Count" which was accepted for publication in *The Sign*, a magazine of high literary standing.

With the same zest for prize winning letter writing which brought so many excellent attractions to our Assembly stage last year, Miss Florence Conlon of the Faculty having become interested in Bob's work sent this story to the *Sign* editor accompanied by a personal letter telling about the author, his interests and his work.

The reply of the Editor was written in the language of this encouraging check plus the request for additional contributions. Although the *STICK* staff has been bemoaning the fact that they didn't discover this budding Saroyan first, here and now we say, "Congratulations, Bob and keep up the good work."

SEVERAL STUDENTS SIGN CONTRACTS

With superintendents calling daily a few of the girls in the Senior class have had four or five interviews. Some of the girls have accepted positions and many are just waiting to hear from the superintendents.

The girls in the senior class who have definite appointments are: Doris Porter, who is going to teach English in the Princeton High School; Gladys Lavin, who is going to teach Physical Education in Leominster High School; Gloria Boscardin, who will be a penmanship supervisor for Wm. L. Rinehart;

Barbara Murphy Matisiewicz and Margaret Sullivan were chosen as Co-Editors of the *STICK* staff for the coming year. They have both served on the *Stick* Staff as Feature and News Editors respectively during second semester of this term.

Other Editors also elected were: Features: Barbara Lavin; News: Priscilla Morley; Sports: Kay Morrilly; Circulation: Harriet Sternberg and Business Manager: Geraldine Merrick.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR ASSEMBLIES GIVEN

The Juniors, with their terrific assembly program of May proved a strong challenge to the Seniors, but the Seniors came through with an equally uproarious performance.

It will be some time before we forget the antics of Kwayay and Boscardin in their respective roles. The faculty took it all in stride as the good sports they are. Mr. Weston's comments on the Senior show was typical—"Some day the faculty ought to 'take off' the students for a change." I for one would like to be around on that day. Such a performance should prove very enlightening. Could we take it as well as they have?

Harriet Miller, who will teach in the first grade in Agawam. Joan Thomas Eastman, who will teach the first grade in Littleton.

Laura Whitney and Irene Boucher have been drafted into teaching already. Laura is teaching science in Templeton High School. Irene has been teaching in the sixth grade in Townsend and has been offered a contract for next year. As yet she has not accepted.

In the Junior class, Alice Grealis and Ann Gilmartin are going to teach in the Junior High School in Amherst.

CLASS OF '44 TO RECEIVE DEGREES

A combined program of Class Day and Commencement will be given on Monday, June 5, 1944. In the morning there will be traditional marching led by the college marshal, Marilyn MacLean and the four class marshals. The Class Day Program will be entitled "Looking Back Fifty Years" in remembrance of the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of this institution. Through the medium of movement, music and song this pageant will take us back fifty years to the days when our college was young. Special dance groups, composed of the members of the various classes will add interest and enjoyment to the program.

The pageant will be followed by the march of the classes; Saxifrage, "The Rock Breakers"—Seniors; Ivy Exercise—Juniors; Class Songs—each class.

The faculty committee for Class Day is: Mr. Weston, Miss Bolger, Miss Curry, Miss Nixon, Miss Conlon, and Mr. Landall.

Rear Admiral Wat Tyler Cluverius, President Worcester Polytechnic Institute will give the address at the Commencement Exercises in the afternoon at four o'clock, Monday. The invocation will be given by the Reverend Ruben T. Nygren from the Swedish Congregational Church in Fitchburg.

Those receiving the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education for the four year Junior High School Course are: Mary Addante, Irene Boucher, Marie Boulay, Ruth Fiske, Dorothy Hughes Gladys Lavin, Gertrude Mulcahy, Doris Porter, and Laura Whitney.

Those receiving the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education for the four year Elementary Course are: Gloria Boscardin, Mary Crain, Joanne Thomas Eastman, Marjorie Gil-

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Editorial . . .

In a few months a new Freshman class will be entering our institution. The problem facing both the faculty and the student body at that time will be that of making the newcomers welcome, of helping to orient and adjust them to college life.

In line with the solving of this problem the Student Council Initiation Committee has adopted a definite policy for next year. The important features of this new policy are as follows:

- (a) That all authority concerning initiation be jointly vested in the student council acting as a unit and the faculty guidance committee.
- (b) That the president of the college alone shall have the power to over-ride the decisions made by these committees working together.
- (c) That the hazing aspect be minimized to the extent that even the Freshman Code, with the exception of the wearing of green bows, ties and name tags should be abolished.
- (d) That the emphasis should be placed upon the idea of adjusting students to college life through an active, well-organized, "big brother" and "big sister" program.

Since a program of initiation or hazing often defeats its principle purpose—that of helping the Freshman adjust to his new life—our future policy is to be one whose emphasis is on orientation and the "big sister" and "big brother" idea.

Authorities on student guidance tell us that "hazing is being relegated to the period of ancient history in most colleges. College is now becoming a cooperative

The Ash Tray

Trudy Mulcahy

We Shall Meet Again

The brilliantly budding forsythias first whisper the message. The fertile green of the campus lawns, undergrads lounging on the campus steps, steady plunk, plunking tennis balls on the courts then seem to shout simultaneously, "Spring is Here." Like a slowly forming rainbow, Spring descends on F. T. C. Here it is truly a beautiful season—one of warmth, joy and light filled with graduation wistfulness, club parties and jolly friendships. This year as always it is all of these things; there is but one phase of the traditional Springtime on campus which is absent. That is the annual crop of budding romances which ordinarily flourishes "just about this time." To say that we miss the sight of these major and minor romances is to admit, not too subtly, that we sincerely miss our fellows in service. Without them, even Spring loses much of its beauty and gaiety.

Although there is a Spring to every year, other Springs can never compare to those we've spent together at F. T. C. For many of us this will be our last Spring here on campus. We fear that for some our men in uniform this may be their last Spring too. For all of our servicemen, we daily hope and pray that this truly majestic season will be a mere portent of a happy and beautiful tomorrow. Those of us who will graduate soon may not be here in person on that Victory Day to greet once more our returning heroes whose valorous deeds make us prouder of them each day. Yet, we, too, in our humble way will be sharing in their fight for freedom in the classrooms of America—helping to build a better tomorrow. Thus, our classmates in service and we, in the teaching field will be in communion with each other for one common purpose—Victory.

Today, as we trudge our weary steps in preparation for the class day festivities, we think of our Frosh days when our chief cause for anxiety was who would march with Harry Simon and we somehow derive intense hope from the voice within us which hauntingly reiterates, "We shall all meet again some day."

Yes, we shall meet again—in a free land where forsythias and smooth green lawns tempt college students to abandon classes and bask in the sun. We will meet again when our lives are free, our hearts warm and our spirits rejuvenated by nature's reminder of the Power which guides us all. For we shall meet again in a time of warmth and joy and light. We must meet; for, it will be Spring again!

T. M.

enterprise in which older students welcome the support and new ideas which the freshmen bring."

Let's make our college such a "cooperative enterprise" next fall by conforming to the new policy of orientation rather than initiation.

— Saxifrage Under The Flag —

EARTOTHEGROUND

AND NOSEINTHEMAIL

Once more we're on deck to give you the latest scuttlebutt derived from T. C. fan mail, love letters, and our many obliging foreign correspondents... The biggest news of the week can be found in Ted Cote's modest account of his doings in Californiyah!... Pat Rooney recently spent a ten day furlough at the College Spa griping because more kids didn't drop in during class hours... Dave MacNamara made a glorified return to T. C. today in the garb of a naval cadet... We were all singing "Sky Anchors away", but Lucy J. got there first... Lt. Tom Sweeney and his lovely wife dropped in to see Tom's "Death Takes A Holiday" pal, Miss Nixon... Jack O'Neil is back from the South Pacific, dancing the Frisco gals' hearts away in San Diego at present... News about the other members of the F. T. C. South Pacific Club: the MacLeans' are painting their house red in honor of the homecoming of "Blickey", and Walter Pierce is now the proud possessor of the rank of Lt. Senior Grade... Ed. Bolio writes from North Africa, as if he were writing to strangers. We remember you, all right, Ed. You're the guy who would never come to the T. C. dances because you couldn't bring the little woman from the old home town, Worcester. Oh, yes you are!... Is it true that Ellen Dormin will soon go overseas as a Red Cross Recreational Director?... Ruth Goen, the gal with the big, brown eyes is now in the SPARS and stationed in Washington, D. C.... John Labenski is supervising important government research work at the Underwriter Laboratories in Cambridge... Ed. Devlin now in England is looking for addresses of other '44 men stationed there. Incidentally, '44 fellows will be relieved to know that their classmates are still living up to traditions by being bannerless as class day approaches. Capt. Holmes has the banner; Capt. Holmes is in the army; the banner is in a hamper; the hamper is underneath a collection of other Holmes' paraphernalia; the hamper and the other paraphernalia are in a store house; the store house is in Worcester; we are in Fitchburg and in a dither as usual.

Lt. Ted Laubner, '41 is at the Army Air Base, Lake Charles, Louisiana. From the AAB at Moses Lake, Washington, Lt. Parker Matthews who

claims he is "one of the quieter boys in the Class of '40", writes to say that he is "now undergoing Overseas preparation in first class fighter planes... and that life is full, exciting and with never a dull moment in the air or on the ground." So, you're the quiet type? Frankly, we're beginning to wonder. The class of '39's mailbag representative is Lt. Leonard B. Murphy who is stationed at the LaJunta Army Base, La Junta, Colorado. From the Indian country of Shawnee, Oklahoma, Zip Romano sends his congratulations to us once more. His letters always come on deadline day and revive our faith in humanity, so thanks again, Zip, we just love it. Bill Groves writes from heaven knows where that he wished he could get to the T. C. dances. You don't wish it half as much as we do, Bill.

Fran Valley became the bride of Ensign Jim Amsler on May 17; Dot Hackett and Lil Szocik will be brides soon if not June brides. Turo Hallfors and Eila Honkonen are engaged, so we're listening for wedding bells in that direction now! Our faculty headliner for this edition is Captain Eugene Sullivan whose "Carpe Diem" philosophy (if you didn't take Latin, it means "seize the day") will remain an incentive to every American to seize every opportunity—filled minute to bring Victory sooner. His address is: Communications Department, AAFSAT, AAFTAC, Orlando, Florida.

Cpl. Charley Dacey writes from the land of mystic (military secret): "You have a shortage of men, don't you, (or is it propaganda to keep up our morale?) We have a shortage of women. Where yours are either too young or etc., ours are either too fat or too brown. We do have a G. I. issue of Red Cross Girls, but they were picked for brains and brawn. The specifications call for six feet or over. We love 'em all though."

As a farewell gesture, by popular request, we hereby present the address of F.T.C.'s most sought for man, the pinup boy of Palmer Hall, Jim (call me Comrade) Delaney.

Pvt. J. P. Delaney 11119419
Force Hq. Det.
1st S. S. F.
APO 4994
c/o Postmaster N. Y., N. Y.

See You At Reunions!

Trudy Mulcahy.

PEEKIN' IN THE

MAIL BAG

Ted Cote's letter

"...Many thanks for sending the STICK out to me. It's really something to hear how things are going at ol' F.T.C. although it's getting more like the ole school out here every day. My first week in Sunny California, while I wasn't pouring California sunshine from my G. I. shoes, I met none other than Bill Foye on the ferry. He's a pilot in the navy and lives in a hotel about a hundred yards from my base.

"The other day, on my way to officer's MESS, someone called my name and there was 'Mel' Sibulkin. In prancing up Broadway (San Diego) who bumped into me but 'Long Tom' Collins and his petite wife. So far, Mr. MacLean and Buxton haven't popped up, but in San Diego anything can happen and does!

"Chalk one up for U. S. Navy! They have finally given an officer a job he's been trained to do! Last week my C. O. (from Arlington, Mass.) sent in a recommendation for me as a permanent instructor here at the base. With all the country-clubs and swimming pools around, it really is beautiful duty!

"Joe Scott, the lawyer defending Joan Barry in the Chaplin case, is a friend of the family, and a few weeks ago I visited him in Los Angeles. He gave me a pass to Warner Bros. Studio, 'Command Performance' radio show, and another radio show. So in two days I saw Humphrey Bogart, Dennis Morgan, Anne Sheridan, Jane Wyman, Alexis Smith, Sidney Greenstreet, Charlie Ruggles, etc., Ginny Simms, Dinah Shore, Frank Sinatra; talked with Joan Leslie and Jane Wyatt; and had dinner in the Brown Derby with Pedro Cordoba and some script writers and Irene Dunne's agent. We also went to Earl Carrol's Theater-Restaurant, and dancing at the Palladium to Harry James and Sammy Kaye's music. Quite a place—California—!

"Drop me a line and give me more dope on the kids in the service; I'd appreciate it! My regards to the gang! Keep up the good work, — Ted."

Muscle Muster

BARBARA LAVIN

My problem is Mr. Anthony, "How often will I be able to play tennis in one week, if I have two spare periods, one fairly good tennis racquet, one pair of well worn Keds, three pre-war tennis balls with a slight bounce, and am one in 150 students playing on three courts?" Such is a typical problem which confronts the FTC Tennis Enthusiast.

Undaunted by the formidable conditions which prevail, scores of students daily bake in the sun and muster their muscles out on the clay courts, whether they be inventing, practicing or improving their serves and strokes, there is a lot of fun for everyone.

W. A. A. AWARDS

The Women's Athletic Association has announced the winners of the athletic awards for the year 1943-44.

The awards consist of the class numerals, WAA pins, and the coveted sports blazer.

Receivers of the 1st award are: Freshmen: Irene Bourgeault, Ruth Kolapakka, Kit Bourgeois, Helen Peck, Kay Morrilly; Sophomores: Charlotte Drury; Seniors: Harriet Miller, Irene Boucher, Trudy Mulcahy.

Receivers of the 2nd award are: Sophomores: Pauline Farnsworth, Mildred Berlo, Frances Bartlett, Mary Lou Doherty; Seniors: Dorothy Hughes, Mary Kelly.

Receivers of the 3rd award are: Seniors: Marilyn MacLean. Congratulations, Girls!!!

VOLLEY BALL

The Volleyball season closed the first week of May after a series of exciting games under the supervision of Mary Kelley, head of Volleyball.

The grand finale came when the Green team met the White team down in the gym, one very warm May afternoon. The White team had previously chalked up one win and were out to get a second and the championship...but, the Green team had an entirely different idea. Whether it was the vitamin pills Sal O'Connor passed around before the game, or whether the team prayer was answered with two extra tickets to the Lyric, is still a mystery to the forlorn White team.

To phrase it as a staunch supporter of the White team might..."WE WUZ ROBBED!"

Where Have They Gone, These Years?

*Where have they gone, these four years?
What, can these be tears?
Why are they gone? They've just begun
Surely these years can't be done.*

*Where have they gone? not far I say,
For in my memory they're hidden away.
I'll take them forth, 'twill be my pleasure
To recount, Midas-like, each shining
treasure.*

—Doris Porter.

THE COMMUTING MEN HAVE PINIC

The Commuting Men of F. T. C. recently spent a week-end at Camp Lowe in New Hampshire. The fellows were under the leadership of Wesley Estabrook, President of the association. Cornelius Donoghue, of the faculty, was the advisor.

The boys left Friday afternoon and equipped with food, clothing and cards (in case of rain), headed for the border. Saturday and Sunday were spent in swimming, fishing and eating.

Cooking was done by the Commuters.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

At the meeting of the Alumni Association held in October, Dr. Herlihy suggested that the alumni start a scholarship fund. He suggested the raising of a sum of \$10,000, i. e., \$2.50 from each alumnus. The Alumni Chapters are working to secure this sum, and they are in hopes that each graduate will respond to their appeal and send a contribution—"no matter how small—no matter how large." The new fund is called **The Fiftieth Anniversary Alumni Scholarship Fund.**

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more, Helen Haley, Muriel Healey, Mary Kelley, Florence Killelea, Marilyn MacLean, Mildred Maher, Harriet Miller, Irma Person, Kathryn Huot Ruby, and Dorothy Ryan.

Those receiving the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education for the four year Industrial Arts Course are: Chester Gurney and Richard Kiley—Posthumous Military Awards Philip Dodge and Roger Pauze.

Those receiving the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education for the four year Vocational Course are: Stephen Callahan, Edward Deshayes,

Clubdubbing

JANIE SANFORD

Art Club

On May 1st the Art Club members again met to work on jewelry, chalk-drawing, and oil-painting. It was decided that the remaining meetings would be workshop periods.

The Art Club is to be congratulated on its zestful and interesting assembly presented May 2nd.

Dramatic Club

Members of the Dramatic Club enjoyed their last meeting and annual party on the evening of May 10th when they were entertained (?) by the new members. Trudy Mulcahy served as general chairman and Marjorie Gilmore supervised the "eats." Plays are being studied at the present time for presentation in the Fall.

Debating Club

The Student Forum held a very enlightening discussion on the Labor Draft question, April 24th, and the guests from Rhode Island provided fine competition for our T. C. representatives. Wits were sharp and words flew, but the panel members all agree that Rhode Island will be welcome any time.

The Intercultural Relations question for the radio series is gradually nearing completion.

Glee Club and Ensemble

The ever-active special ensemble have presented two programs during the last few weeks. On May 2 a fine program was presented at the Congregational Church in Leominster. And, more recently, the group performed at the Rollstone Congregational Church here in town.

One of the most looked-for events of the Class Day exercises will be the singing of the Glee Club. This organization is perhaps the most active on the campus these days what with all the rehearsals. The annual party was a great success, as only a Glee Club party with its featured sing-out can be. There's nothing like a good old fashioned sing-out to get rid of those "before finals blues."

James Fitzgibbons, Martin Keane, and Anthony Mayr.

Candidate for the Degree of Master in Education is Joshua Ainsworth, B. S. E. State Teacher's College, Fitchburg, 1935. Thesis: "Automobile Driver Education and Training in the High School."